

1 **Early adaptive chromatin remodeling events precede pathologic phenotypes and**
2 **are reinforced in the failing heart**

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12 **Supplementary data**

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32 Principal component analysis of RNA-seq data showing separation of control, 3 days
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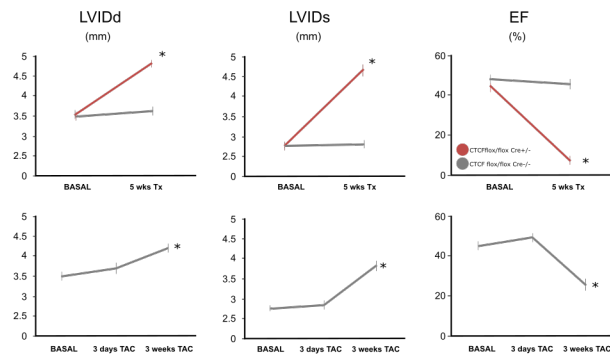
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		(R)	CTCTGGGACCTCATGCTTGT
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		(R)	AGACAAAATCCGGTGTCTGG
	Promoter GATA	(L)	CCTGTGGCCAAGTCTGTTTT
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Promoter H3K27ac	(L)	CCTGTGGCCAAGTCTGTTTT	
	(R)	CCTTGTGAGGGCTGGAATTA	
Nppa	Enhancer Nkx2.5	(L)	GGGCACATGGGGTAAGTTT
		(R)	GAGGTAGAGCCATGGCAGAG
	Enhancer H3K27ac	(L)	GTCAAGCTGGGCAAGTCTC
		(R)	GGCCAGCACTGTATTCCATT
	Promoter Nkx2.5	(L)	CCTTCCTCCCTTGACTTT
		(R)	CCTGAAGCTGGAGGACAGAG
Promoter H3K27ac	(L)	TGGCCTCCCTTTTCTACCT	
	(R)	GGCTGTCTGGTCACTTGT	
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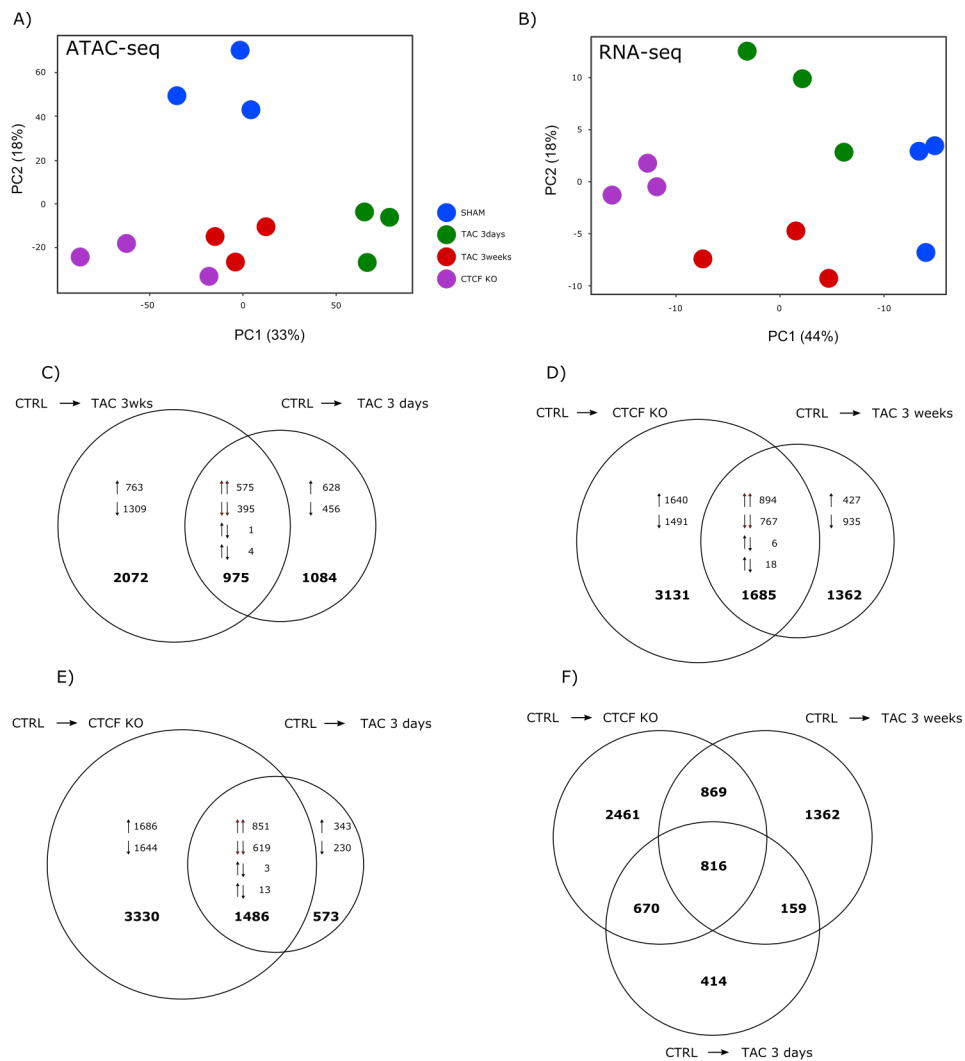
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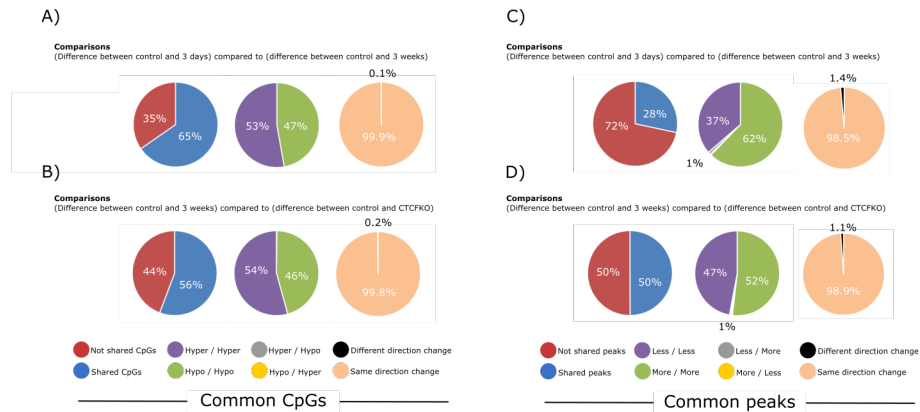


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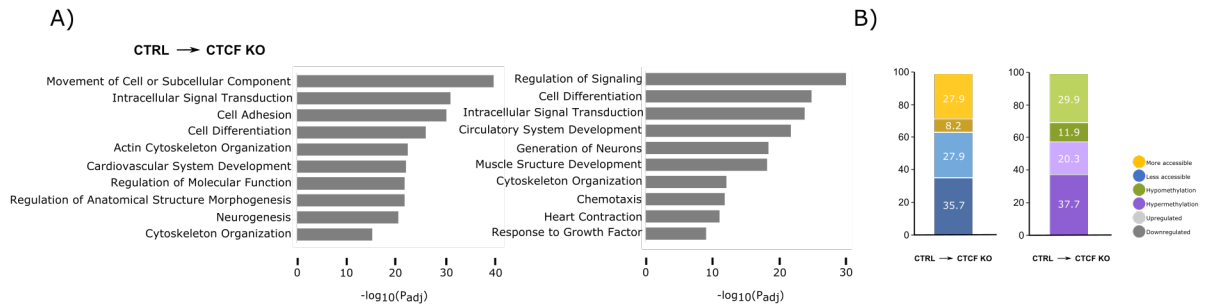
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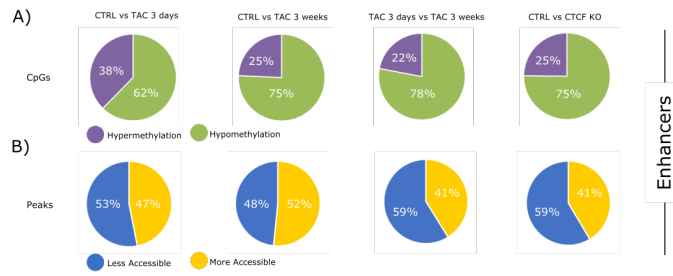
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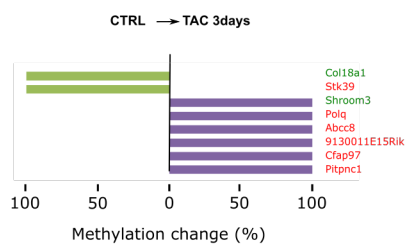
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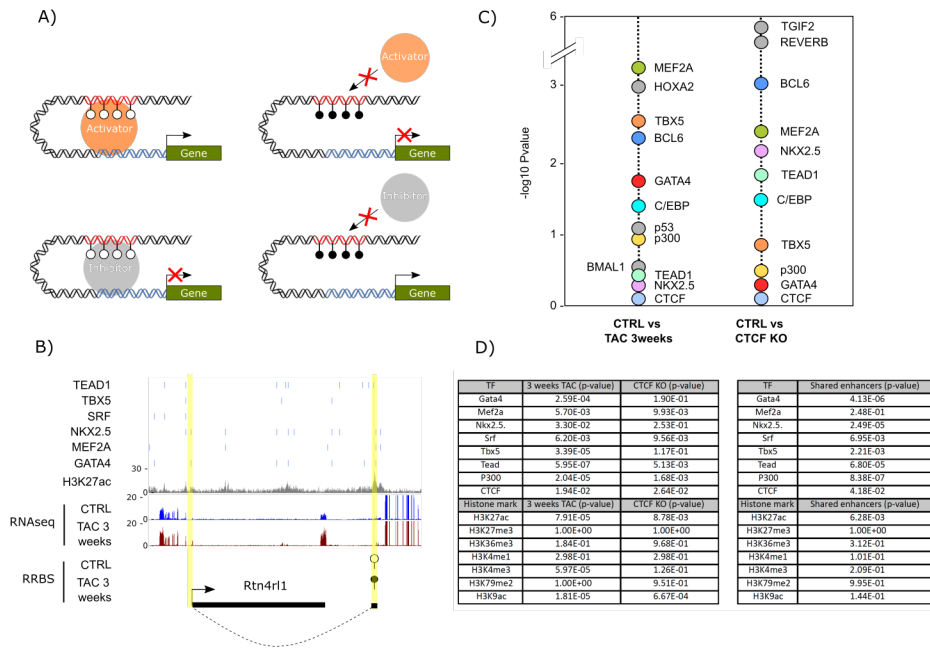
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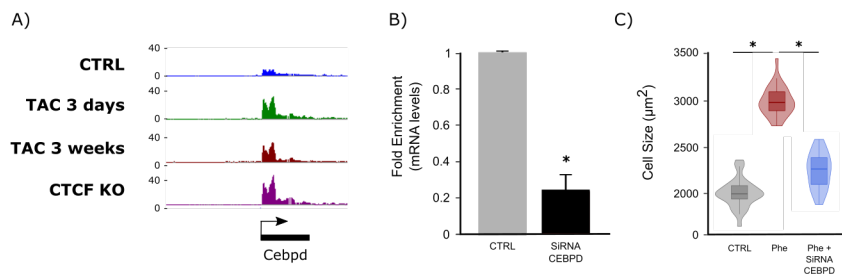


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